



Study Away in Spanish

All foreign language majors are highly encouraged to study abroad to gain the experience of linguistic and cultural immersion.

Study abroad can help you

Whether you seek to discover Spain over the summer, to get a taste of Costa Rica during January Term, or to study for a semester or a year in Mexico or another destination in the Spanish-speaking world, you will have the opportunity to...

- Work toward fluency in Spanish
- Gain in-depth knowledge and first-hand experience of a Spanish-speaking culture
- Identify ways your knowledge of Spanish can enhance your career plans
- Diversify your world view
- Advance your cross-cultural and problem-solving skills
- Gain confidence in yourself and enhance your interpersonal and communication skills
- Prepare to work in an increasingly diverse and international workplace
- Understand how Spanish is studied in an international context

Studying abroad will allow you to take courses alongside native speaking students or with other foreign students. You can even take courses taught in Spanish in another field of study that interests you.

An experience like this will change your life and career options in many ways. In today's increasingly

interdependent world, graduate programs and employers alike seek people with significant cross-cultural experience *and* knowledge of a foreign language.

Can I afford to study abroad?

YES! A semester abroad is generally not more expensive than a semester of tuition, room, and board on campus; in fact, it often costs less. With multiple sources of funding and programs of varying length, study abroad is financially possible for nearly all students.

Students may generally apply their college scholarships to affiliated programs. Many Elmhurst-affiliated programs offer their own scholarships for study abroad. Through the CPE, Elmhurst also offers endowed scholarships for students with financial need.

Outside scholarship providers that students may apply for include:

- Phi Kappa Phi
- Boren/National Security Education Program
- Hispanic Scholarship Fund
- Gilman
- Midwest Regional Center IIE
- EC Affiliated Programs

Also be sure to contact the Elmhurst College Office of Financial Aid.

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Academic Planning for Spanish Majors

What are my next steps?

Get Started!

Attend one of the monthly study abroad information sessions during the academic year and go to the Study Away Fair. Then, call or stop by the Center for Professional Excellence, located in Circle Hall, to make an appointment with Dr. Lagerwey.

(630) 617-3604 or wallyl@elmhurst.edu

Investigate programs

Use catalogues found in the Center for Professional Excellence and look at the program sponsors' websites to find the program that's right for you or visit the study abroad area of the Elmhurst College webpage (see back page of brochure).

Talk to your adviser

Your adviser can help you figure out the best way to fit study abroad into your college career.

Set goals and plan for results

- Begin planning as soon as possible. Set some goals. The best study abroad option for you depends on what you want. Consider: Country/region/location, setting and environment (studying with local or international students, living with a host family), personal and professional goals, and importance of internships or service learning.
- Prepare academically. You may need to take language or other prerequisite courses for your chosen program.
- Research and talk to students who have studied abroad previously.

Sample Questions to Ask the Director of International Education

- I would like to fulfill General Education requirements while abroad. How do I know if my courses meet these requirements?
- Several programs offer courses in the country to which I would like to travel. Which program would you recommend for me based

on my language skills and academic and personal interests?

What to Bring to Your Academic Advising Meeting

- Copies of course descriptions or related information on the courses you are interested in taking while abroad
- Your advising handbook
- A tentative four-year plan (if applicable)

Sample Questions to Ask Your Adviser

- What major/minor requirements do I have left to complete?
- Do I meet the minimum 3.0 GPA required for Study Abroad?
- What general education requirements do I have left to complete?
- I have copies of course descriptions for courses I am considering taking while abroad. Do these courses meet any of my major or minor requirements or any requirements outside my major or minor?
- What do I need to do to follow up with you when I return from study abroad? What should I bring back with me (e.g., course syllabi)?
- Are there particular requirements you recommend I should/should not try to complete abroad?
- What should I do if I get abroad and can't take these classes? May I e-mail you for guidance in making alternative choices?

General Education Requirements

General Education requirements are great to take while abroad. UMAIE courses offer a wide variety of options for January Term. The Director of International Education can tell you what Gen Ed's, if any, courses fulfill. A few of the more common ones that study abroad students have taken abroad include: People Power and Politics, Global Society, Literature, Western Culture and Fine Arts.

Study Abroad Options for Spanish Majors

Short-Term Options

January Term

Elmhurst College faculty also regularly lead groups to alternating locations, including Spain, Costa Rica, and Chile.

UMAIE—a consortium of schools in the Midwest offering joint January Term abroad options—often has courses in both Spain and Mexico. But don't forget that January Term is also a great time to go to other locations not related to the Spanish major, such as Egypt, India, or Great Britain, where you may fulfill Gen Ed requirements.

Summer

Elmhurst College and most of the Elmhurst-affiliated programs offer summer options. You may find yourself with IFSA-Butler's University of Buenos Aires Summer Language and Culture program, doing advanced field research in Chile with SIT, or exploring Spain by studying in Barcelona, Madrid or Salamanca with IES, or Toledo, Granada or Salamanca with Arcadia. One ISEP summer program in Monterrey, Mexico also includes a 90 hour community service project.

Semester- or Year-long Options

Elmhurst is affiliated with a variety of sponsor programs and four partner institutions.

Note: In addition to program costs, all students on long-term programs will be billed the \$600 international fee during the term they are abroad. See website for more details.

Partner Institutions

Universidad San Francisco de Quito

USFQ is an Ecuadorian partner institution to Elmhurst. Students may participate in exchange programs there, meaning regular tuition is paid directly to Elmhurst. USFQ offers home stays and community service options.

Comillas Pontifica in Madrid

Comillas is a church university which has been directed for more than a century by the Compañía de Jesús (Society of Jesus) which is a private institution which has the highest number of universities in the world. This university offers high and demanding standards, close interpersonal relations, and a deep understanding of the study materials. Students will develop a desire for personal improvement, which will enable them to become active members of society.

ISEP

ISEP is great for students who have already achieved a high level of proficiency in Spanish. It provides the best opportunity to be fully immersed in the culture by taking regular university classes alongside native students. You take all of your courses in Spanish, whether they be art, political science, literature, etc. Spanish-speaking locations offered include: Argentina, Chile, Mexico, Nicaragua, Spain and Uruguay. It is an exchange program so regular tuition is paid directly to Elmhurst.

IFSA-Butler

Students should choose IFSA-Butler if they are looking for a high level of immersion but with more structured support. IFSA-Butler programs offer a 4-10 day orientation program, social activities and day/weekend trips, all with other international students. Classes are taken at one or more local universities with native students. Spanish-speaking countries with IFSA-Butler programs include: Argentina, Chile, Costa Rica, Mexico, Peru, and Spain.

Arcadia University

Arcadia offers a variety of types of experiences. Depending on the program, you may be fully immersed in a host university or taking courses designed for international students. Study abroad opportunities are available in Spain for Spanish-speaking students. Choose from programs in Barcelona, Granada, and Toledo.

IES

For Spanish students, IES offers programs in Argentina, Chile, Ecuador, and Spain. Each location is different in terms of how and where you will take courses, some offering different tracks for students depending on their level of Spanish proficiency.

IPSL

Combine service with courses in culture and the Spanish language in Mexico or Ecuador. Courses are taught either all in Spanish or in a combination of English and Spanish.

SIT

The SIT program centers on field research accompanied by coursework in Spanish focused on a specific theme. Students may choose to study any number of themes in Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Ecuador, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama or Peru, including human rights, economic development, conservation, public health, or education.

Service Learning Options

Many programs offer service learning options as part of your study abroad experience. Aside from IPSL (International Partnership for Service-Learning and Leadership), volunteer options may be offered with IES, IFSA-Butler, and Universidad San Francisco de Quito.

Sample Service Learning at IFSA-Butler

In Málaga, Spain, IFSA-Butler is partnered with 7 different organizations accepting volunteers. Students may, for example, tutor or assist people with autism, the elderly or the blind.

Internship Options

Internships with IES

Spanish majors may choose to pursue an internship in a second major or alternate area of interest in a Spanish-speaking country.

- Argentina: Arts, Business, Government, Human Rights and Public Health
- Chile: Arts, Business, Government, Public Health, Psychology, Sociology, Social Work and Community Development
- Spain: Arts, Business, Political Science, Social Services and Cultural Management

- A variety of options are also available in Ecuador.

Summer Internships with IES

Through the IES summer program in Barcelona, Spain, students may seek internships within the fields of business, environmental affairs, archaeology, design, cultural management, human rights, tourism and hospitality management, health, and education.

Internship in Chicago

Spend a semester living and working in the city of Chicago. Chicago Semester helps students find an internship in their field of study. Work 4 full days per week, and participate in seminar courses on urban life.

Options for Education Majors

Spanish Education majors may wish to pursue an internship in education or complete related service learning activities such as being a teacher's aide, tutoring students, working in orphanages, promoting literacy, etc.

IFSA-Butler Service Learning in Education

- LIFE Argentina: improve quality of life for children in marginalized neighborhoods, through nutrition assistance, recreation, literacy, and education programs.
- Ingles Abre Puertas: teach English to children in Chile.
- Esperanza Joven: provide educational support in rural Costa Rica.
- Universidad Autónoma de Yucatán: through the university you may volunteer to work with local elementary, junior high, and high schools in Mexico.

IES Education Internships

- Buenos Aires, Argentina: Instituto de Enseñanza Superior en Lenguas Vivas. This option includes observation and teacher training at a premier language institute.
- Salamanca, Spain: Teach in Spanish primary and secondary schools as assistants to teachers of English as a foreign language.

Sample Program Options for Spanish Majors

Spain

Barcelona- Summer

Barcelona has been a major cultural center since the middle ages and offers a temperate climate, Mediterranean diet, Olympic games and unforgettable experiences! This program offers a once in a lifetime experience to gain extensive knowledge about one of the most amazing cities in Spain, which is a must for anyone pursuing a Spanish major. **(Sponsor: IES)**

Quito, Ecuador

Service-Learning

This semester program is offered to students as not only a learning experience, but also an opportunity to partake in community service as well. These service opportunities include working at a school for children who work in the street and tutoring children with their school work. The Universidad San Francisco de Quito is the affiliated institution where students will do their studies and 3 semesters of college level Spanish is required. **(Sponsor: IPSL)**

Granada, Spain

Language, Community and Social Change

Based in Granada, with its fusion of Christian and Muslim traditions, this challenging language immersion program focuses on Spain's turbulent history and cultural innovation in the face of growing diversity within its borders and the European Union. Students gain firsthand insight into turning points in Spanish history, immigration, and avant-garde cultural movements. Place-

ment in one of four language levels is coupled with field-based assignments that offer language acquisition necessary for seminars conducted entirely in Spanish.

(Sponsor: SIT)

Mexico

Universidad Popular Autónoma del Estado de Puebla

Study history, art, literature, political science, international relations, communication, and more at this Mexican university. Visit important archaeological sites in the area, or travel a little farther to see Mexico City or hit the beaches in Veracruz. Immerse yourself in the language by taking all of your classes in Spanish. **(Sponsor: ISEP)**

Chicago

Chicago Semester Internship

Chicago Semester will help students find an **internship** in the social services field, including: counseling, child welfare, art therapy, and other social service settings. They will assist each student in arranging interviews and deciding which place or places best seem to fit their goals. Throughout the semester, students will work 32 hours per week and take seminar courses to enrich and reflect on their experiences. Sample placement sites include: Cornerstone Counseling Center of Chicago, Heartland Human Care Services, and Cook County Juvenile Court, to name a few.

(Sponsor: Chicago Semester)

Sample Four-Year Plan for Spanish Major

Freshman (1st year)

- 2 Spanish courses
- Gen Ed requirements
- Electives: explore options for a second major or minor
- Start looking at study abroad programs
- Apply for January Term or summer

Sophomore (2nd year)

January Term or Summer Abroad

- 2-3 Spanish courses
- **FL 221**
- Gen Ed requirements
- Other major/minor requirements
- Begin researching and applying for semester- or year-long programs

Junior (3rd year)

Semester or Year Abroad

- 3-4 Spanish courses
- 2-4 Gen Ed requirements

- Other major/minor requirements

Senior (4th year)

Internship

- Remaining 300/400 level Spanish courses
- Any remaining Gen Ed requirements
- Any remaining requirements towards minor or double major

* Plan to take **CPP 250**, a quarter credit course that prepares you for study abroad the semester before your summer, semester or year abroad.

*Spanish Education majors should refer to the guide: "Study Abroad in Education" for more information on fitting study abroad into your four year plan.

Program Sponsor Websites

Arcadia University

<http://www.arcadia.edu/abroad/>

AustraLearn

<http://www.australearn.org>

IES

www.IESabroad.org

IFSA-Butler

www.IFSA-Butler.org

IPSL

www.ipsl.org

UMAIE

<http://www.semint.com/umaie/index.html>

ISEP

www.isep.org

SIT

www.sit.edu/studyabroad

Universidad San Francisco de Quito

<http://www.usfq.edu.ec/>

Kansai Gaidai

<http://www.kansaigaidai.ac.jp/asp/>

Comillas Pontificia in Madrid

www.upcomillas.es

Chicago Semester

www.chicagosemester.org

<http://public.elmhurst.edu/academics/study>